

The Legislature of Virginia completed the labors of its mid-summer session last Monday and adjourned until November 12th, when it will meet again to take up the work of conforming the statutes of the State to the provisions of the new Constitution. The session was a short one and not much was accomplished, as was expected, but what was done, we believe, was in the right direction and with a view to the best interests of the people of the State. The opinion at least seems to prevail, "that everything was done in the short session absolutely necessary to the proper and smooth operation of the new Constitution until the November session of that body" and that much being accomplished nothing more ought to have been expected. That much being done, we can afford to wait until November, when the members are in better mood to take up and weigh properly the questions which will be presented for their consideration. Hasty legislation is not desirable at any time and surely not when we have so much at stake as at present, and the fact, that the Legislature in its short session refused to appoint a commission to codify the laws in accordance with the provisions of the new Constitution, is a hopeful sign that the members of that body realize the great trust committed to them and do not propose to shirk the responsibility which belongs to them by transferring it to others. There seems to be no question that the work in its detail can be more satisfactorily performed by the Legislature itself, and that being true, the members very properly declined to accept the main reason for a commission, the saving thereby of expense to the people. They very wisely concluded, we believe, that it is better to spend a few more dollars by a longer session of the Legislature, than take the risk of having the burdens of the people of the State increased tenfold later.

In a late report of Dr. Joseph W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Virginia, valuable statistics are given showing the work that the State has been doing for the education of the colored people. In that report, according to the estimate made by him, during the thirty years that the public school system has been in operation in the State, forty millions of dollars have been expended and of that amount fifteen millions has been spent on the colored schools; and he further says, that the entire amount paid by the colored people of the State during all three years for school purposes does not exceed two million dollars. "It will thus be seen," adds Dr. Southall, "that the white people of this Commonwealth have had not only to support their own schools, but have had to pay not less than thirteen million dollars for the support of the negro schools."

"The report of the Auditor of Public Accounts for 1899 shows that the total valuation of all lands, town lots and buildings owned by colored persons in this State is \$11, 643, 164.00, while the value of such property owned by white persons is \$269, 742, 290.00. The entire State tax levied on the colored people for the support of the schools is \$139, 107.51, of which more than \$75,000 is collected annually. Colonel Morton Mayre, the able and accomplished Auditor of Public Accounts, informs me that the records of his office show that the amount of money appropriated annually for the support of the negro schools and the cost of trying negro criminals exceeds the entire amount of taxes paid by the negroes by at least a half million of dollars. It is estimated that the colored schools cost not less than \$450,000.00 annually."

The Richmond Times commenting on the above submits, and very correctly, "that it is a complete answer to the erroneous and unjust statement recently made, that the colored tax payers of Virginia are paying into the State Treasury quite as much money as they are receiving for educational purposes."

Governor Montague Tuesday signed the bill passed by the Legislature a few days ago which provides that all men between the ages of 21 and 40 who possess the qualifications of a voter under the old Constitution can serve as jurors. This remedies the defect in this regard brought about by the Constitution.

The Richmond Educational Association and the Public School Art League have undertaken the work of decorating the public schools with works of art and subjects for nature study. This has been tried in other places and has, it is said, been found very beneficial to the children.

Bishop Robert A. Gibson, of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, has issued an address to the clergy and laity of the diocese setting forth the need of more contributions to missions and for the spread of the missionary spirit.

Gov. Montague last week granted absolute pardons in two cases and conditional pardons in eighteen. In all of the latter cases the requirements of the law had been fully complied with.

Hon. Wm. A. Jones has been declared the Democratic candidate for Congress in the First District by the District Committee without the formality of a convention or primary.

Record of the Assembly.

Richmond, Va., July 17.—Very little has been accomplished at the short session of the Virginia Legislature just closed beyond the members taking the oath of allegiance to the new Constitution and the nomination of Judges for the Circuit Courts of the State, as they will be constituted under the new arrangement. These Judges will not be elected until the assembling of the law-makers in November, and their term will begin in February next. The refusal of the House to concur in any plan looking to the codification during the Summer and Fall of the laws of the State to conform to the new Constitution leaves all of that work to be done at the November session. The Senate was anxious for a commission or a joint committee to do this important work during the interim, but opposed to any plan of this character. The opposition was, in a large measure, due to the fact that the impression got out early in the session that a State had been made up to constitute the commission. Before the Assembly convened there was a strong sentiment in favor of a commission, and it was pretty well understood that such a body would be authorized. Fourteen members from the House and seven from the Senate were to constitute the board, and advocates of the scheme went so far as to select the House members. When this fact became known it aroused such bitter opposition that the subsequent proposition bearing on the subject was promptly defeated.

The failure to appoint a commission will make the November session of the Legislature an exceedingly busy one. There will be a vast amount of detail work to be done. This will have to be handled by the committees of the two branches, and the session will necessarily be much longer than it would have been had the commission been created. One of the most important acts of the Legislature was the passage of several election bills so as to make the machinery complete for holding the Congressional election in November next under the new Constitution. There will have to be a new registration under the terms of the new franchise clause, and this is about to begin. There is no fixed time for commencing the registration, but it must be completed in any town or city within fifteen days after it is begun. In some few sections the men who were appointed registrars have declined to serve, and this will occasion slight delay.—Cor. Public Ledger.

Business Notes.

NOTICE—I want to rent a farm in the vicinity of Leesville. I have ample means to cultivate my property. Will pay share or cash. Sam'l H. Floyd, Leesville, Va.

FOR SALE—Railway, 2 horse power, and brand new saw for cutting wood in connection with railway. Will sell very cheap, railway at less than half its value. J. W. Bunting, Chincoteague, Va.

NOTICE—I have for sale one mule 7 years old, will weigh from one thousand to 1,100 pounds, sound, solid, and gentle in all harness. Will sell very cheap. W. I. Hancock, Oak Hall, Va.

FOR SALE—One hundred thousand nice, bright, dry seasoned new barrel staves. Write us. Will make price cheap delivered on Nantux Wharf. Nandua Barrel Co., J. R. Henderson, Treasurer, Nandua, Va.

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WANTED—A man to process tomatoes the coming season. He must come well recommended and I will pay good wages to the right man. I prefer a man who also knows how to process sweet potatoes. Jas. A. Hall, Marsh Market.

FOR RENT—For year 1903 my house and lot at Accomac C. H., now occupied by Mr. John W. Board. For particulars apply to Anna Brown, Accomac C. H., Va.

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Gold Medal Flour, highest grade, per barrel, \$4.00
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It is the only vine cutter made that will cut the vines from the stems and leaves them in the furrow between the potato drills, also leaves the drills naked, ready for plowing or digging. It is very easy for one horse to pull, easy to keep the cutting blades sharp and will not cut potatoes. And if they are rightly set it is fun for the one who work them, compared with any vine cutter, and will last a life time.

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Fair Grounds, Near Keller,

Commencing Tuesday, August 26, and Continuing Four Days.

—LIST OF PREMIUMS:—

DIVISION A.—Horse Department.—G. T. Benson, Superintendent.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1902

Best Spring colt—1st prem. \$6.00, 2nd \$4.00. Exhibited at 12 M.
3 Year Old—1st prem. \$30.00, 2nd \$15.00, 3rd \$9.00, 4th \$6.00.
3 Minute Class—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00.
240 Class Trot—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1902

Best 1 year old colt or under—1st prem. \$6.00, 2nd \$4.00. Exhibited at 11 A. M.
3 year old—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00.
Free For-All—Pace or Trot—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00.
Road wagon, double of single horses, with reins not under 2.35—1st prem. \$25.00, 2nd \$15.00, 3rd \$10.00.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1902

Running Race—Open—No fee—Five to start—1st prem. \$15.00, 2nd \$10.00, 3rd \$7.50, 4th \$5.00, 5th \$2.50.
2:30 Mixed—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00.
2:30 Class Trot—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1902

2:30 Trot and 2:40 Pace—1st prem. \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00, 4th \$10.00

Suitable premium will be given. Restricted to unmarried knights.

DIVISION B.—Cattle, sheep, Swine.

Best bull, regardless of age, 1st premium \$6.00 2nd premium \$4.00
" heifer, 2 years and under " 6.00 " 4.00
" calf, 1 year and under " 3.00 " 2.00
" cow, regardless of age " 8.00 " 6.00
" sow, regardless of age " 3.00 " 2.00
" brood sow and litter, not less than 5 " 6.00 " 4.00
" pair shoats, 6 months and under " 3.00 " 2.00
" ram, regardless of age " 2.00 " 1.00
" lamb " 2.00 " 1.00
" pair ewes " 2.00 " 1.50
" and largest hog " 3.00 " 2.00

27 Bulls not received without a ring in the nose. Pigs with their mothers cannot compete as shoats.

—Poultry—

Best pair L. Brahmas 1st. 2. 1st. 2.
" pair D. Brahmas 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Buff Cochins 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Black Cochins 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Partridge Cochins 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair White Cochins 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Langshans 1.00 50 1.00 50
" Game, any variety 1.00 50 1.00 50
" Hamburgs, each 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair W. F. B. Spanish 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Brown Rose comb 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair B. W. & B. Leghorn 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Black Minorcas 1.00 50 1.00 50
" French pair Bantams 1.00 50 1.00 50
" pair Plymouth Rock 1.00 50 1.00 50

pair Wyandotts 1.00 50
" pair W. S. G. Dorkins 1.00 50
" pair Bantams 1.00 50
" pair Sherwoods 1.00 50
" pair Guinea Fowl 1.00 50
" Coop chickens, any variety, not less than five pair Pekin, Manx, or any variety, mixed breed, each 1.00 50
" pair W. G. wild geese, each 1.00 50
" pair B. B. W. Buff Gray Turkeys, each 1.00 50
" Pigeons 50 25

—Fruits—

DIVISION C.—Agricultural and Mechanical Department.

Best 12 apples of any variety 1st premium \$1.00 2nd prem \$50
" 12 peaches " 1.00 " 50
" 12 pears " 1.00 " 50
" and most choice variety of fruit " 2.00 " 1.00
" sample of grapes " 50 " 25
" variety of grapes " 1.00 " 50
" watermelon 1st \$1.00, 2d 75, 3d 50, 4th 25
" muskmelon " 1.00, " 50, " 25, " 15

Vegetables.—
12 Irish potatoes, 1st prem. \$2.50, 2d \$2.00, 3d \$1.50, 4th 1.00, 5th 50
" sweet potatoes yellow, 1st \$3, 2d \$4.50, 3d \$4.4th \$3.50, 5th \$3, 6th \$2.50, 7th \$2, 8th \$1.50, 9th \$1, 10th 50.
" variety of root crops, not less than 2 of each kind, 1st pr 2.00 2nd \$50
" 3 heads of cabbage 1st 75, 2d 50, 3d 25
" table beets " 1.00, " 50, " 25
" 3 squash of any kind " 50 " 25
" plant lima beans " 50 " 25
" 12 tomatoes 1st \$1.00, 2d 50, 3d 25
" 12 onions " 1.50, " 75, " 31 50
" and largest pumpkins of any variety " 1.00 " 70, " 31 50
" sugar beets of any variety " 50 " 25
" egg plant " 50 " 25
" and largest ham 1.00 50

peck of wheat 1.00 50
" peck of oats 1.00 50
" 10 ears of white corn 1st \$1.00, 2d 50, 3d 25
" 10 ears of yellow corn " 1.00, " 50, " 31 25
" bale of hay, not less than 50 pounds 1.50 75
" stalks of green corn, not less than 3 50 25
" 5 ears of table corn 50 25
" fleece of wool 50 25

—Grain and Seed.—

Best single plow 1st \$1.00 2nd \$2.00
" cultivator 1.00 " 2.00
" cart 1st prem. \$5.00, 2d 3.00
" wagon 1st prem. \$5.00, 2d 3.00